

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 - 11 (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A dishwasher comprising:
at least one washing container having a bottom area, a top area, and a wall area that collectively form an interior of the washing container in which items to be washed can be disposed; and
a spraying device for spraying washing liquid into the interior of the washing container, the spraying device having at least one spray channel operable to guide therealong a washing liquid, the spray channel being integrated into at least one of the bottom, top and wall areas of the washing container and having openings in a side of the spray channel oriented in a direction towards the interior of the washing container for the passage therethrough of washing liquid, wherein the side of the spray channel directed towards the interior of the washing container lies ~~substantially in one plane~~ and defines a substantially continuous planar surface with a surface of a respective one of the bottom, top or wall areas of the washing container directed towards the interior of the washing container in which the spray channel is integrated.
13. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the spray channel is tubular and has a configuration of two open ends via which the washing liquid can be supplied under the action of pressure.

14. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the spray channel is operable to guide therethrough washing liquid which is being supplied at various pressures.
15. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 14, wherein the spray channel is operable to guide therethrough washing liquid which is being supplied at various pressures wherein the variation of the pressure is controlled by a pressure distribution using at least one of an electronic, hydraulic and mechanical means.
16. (Canceled)
17. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the spray channel has a round cross-section.
18. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the spray channel has a rectangular cross-section.
19. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12 and further comprising means for manually releasing the spray channel from a respective one of the bottom, top or wall areas of the washing container and means for fixably securing the spray channel to another one of the bottom, top and wall areas of the washing container.
20. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12 and further comprising means for manually releasing a wall of the spray channel directed towards the interior of the washing container from a respective one of the bottom, top or wall areas of the washing container and means for fixably securing the wall

of the spray channel to another one of the bottom, top and wall areas of the washing container.

21. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the side of the spray channel directed towards the interior of the washing container is formed by a respective one of the top, wall and the bottom areas of the washing container, wherein the respective one of the top, wall and the bottom areas of the washing container has openings for passage of the washing liquid in the area of the spray channel.
22. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the washing container has a trough configuration and further comprising a number of spray channels integrated at least into the bottom area of the washing container in a configuration in which the spray channels are aligned parallel to one another.
23. (Currently Amended) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein at least the bottom area of the washing container has ~~a trough configuration and a multi-planar surface, the dishwasher~~ further comprising a number of spray channels integrated at least into the bottom area of the washing container in a configuration in which the spray channels are ~~not aligned in parallel to one another~~ planes, each side of the spray channels directed toward the interior of the washing container lying in one plane and defining a substantially continuous planar surface with the bottom area of the washing container.
24. (Withdrawn) A dishwasher comprising:
at least one washing container having a bottom area, a top area, and a wall area that collectively form an interior of the washing container in which items to be washed can be disposed; and

a spraying device for spraying washing liquid into the interior of the washing container, the spraying device having at least one spray channel operable to guide therealong a washing liquid, the spray channel being integrated into at least one of the bottom, top and wall areas of the washing container and having openings in a side of the spray channel oriented in a direction towards the interior of the washing container for the passage therethrough of washing liquid, wherein the spraying device includes a spray cover having a substantially U-shaped cross-section, and wherein free ends of the U-shaped spray cover are bent inward to fit the spray cover into the spray channel such that outward deflection of the free ends abuts the free ends against side walls of the spray channel.

25. (Currently Amended) A dishwasher comprising:

at least one washing container having a bottom area, a top area, and a wall area that collectively form an interior of the washing container in which items to be washed can be disposed; and

a plurality of spraying devices for spraying washing liquid into the interior of the washing container, each of the plurality of spraying devices having at least one spray channel operable to guide therealong a washing liquid, the spray channel being integrated into at least one of the bottom, top and wall areas of the washing container and having openings in a side of the spray channel oriented in a direction towards the interior of the washing container for the passage therethrough of washing liquid, wherein the spraying devices lie in different planes within the washing container, and wherein at least the bottom area of the washing container has a multi-planar surface, each side of the spray channels directed toward the interior of the washing container lying in one plane and defining a substantially continuous planar surface with the bottom area of the washing container.

26. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 19, wherein the manually releasing means comprises the spray channel being formed of an elastic material in a U-shape, wherein legs of the U-shape are flexibly bendable to release the spray channel.
27. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 12, wherein the spray channel is formed of an elastic material in a U-shape, and wherein the spray channel is secured in the at least one of the bottom, top and wall areas in a press fit by legs of the U-shape.